(a) what is the number of persons who have been kidnapped in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months;

(b) what was the number of foreign nationals amongst them;

(c) what is the number of persons who were released, injured and killed separately and together with the number of persons who are still in the clutches of the kidnappers; and

(d) what efforts are being made to the release of the kidnapped persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI):

(a) and (b) 203 persons were abducted by militants in J&K during the six month period 1.1.95 to 30.6.95. No one was a foreign national among them. 62 persons were abducted during the period from 1.7.95 to 15.7.95 of which 6 were foreign nationals.

(c) 103 persons were killed, 9 were rescued by security forces and the remaining were released by the abductors. Among the 6 foreign nationals abducted, one escaped from the militants and the remaining five are still captive.

(d) Contingents of Security Forces have been deployed to trace the kidnapped foreigners taking all necessary precautions to ensure that the safety of the hostages is not jeopardised.

Sale of HI-Tech weapons by India

452. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export Main Battle Tank namely 'Arjun' Armed Light Helicopter and Light Combat Aircraft to some countries;

(b) whether display of such Hi-Tech weapons has already been done at Idex'95 organised at Abu Dhabi (UAE);

(c) whether Government propose to give live demonstration of these Hi-Tech weapons at Idex'97 Exhibition;

(d) whether some trade enquiries have also been received from some foreign countries;

(e) whether sale and live demonstration of country's Hi-Tech defence weapons will be in the interests of country; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Such issues can arise only after serial production is established.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Such decisions will be taken at a proximate time.

(d) There has been widespread expression of interest but no specific trade enquiries.

(e) and (f) Export or demonstration of defence equipment is always subordinated to the country's security concerns.

Committee for financial assistance to World War-II veterans

453. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee has been constituted to consider financial assistance to those veterans of World War-II whose tenure in the armed forces was not long enough to qualify for pensions; and

(b) if so, the composition of the said Committee and by when the Committee is expected to submit the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) A Committee has been constituted to consider the demand for grant of pension to World War II Veterans and to suggest appropriate solution thereto. The Composition of the Committee is as under:— (i) Additional Secretary(R), Ministry of Defence — Chairman

(ii) Joint Secretary (ESW), MOD — Member

(iii) Addl. FA(P), MOD (Fin.) — Member

(iv) Joint Secretary (PP), MHA — Member

(v) Director General Resettlement — Member

(vi) Secretary, K.S.B. — Member

(vii) Secretary, R.S.B. Tamil Nadu — Member

(viii) Secretary, R.S.B. Haryana — Member

(ix) Director (Resettlement) MOD — Member Secretary

The Committee is required to submit its report within a period of six months.

आइसक्रीम को आरक्षित श्रेणी से निकाले जाने के सबंधं में अध्ययन

454. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज** :

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बतोन की कृपा करेंगे कि**:**

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय लघु उद्योग संस्थान द्वारा इस सम्बन्ध में एक अध्ययन कराया जा रहा है कि आइसक्रीम निर्माण उद्योग को लघु उद्योगों हेतु आरक्षित मदों की सूची ने निकाला जाए अथवा नहीं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सबंधं में तथ्य क्या है, और

(ग) सरकार ने किन-किन कारणों के आधार पर ऐसा अध्ययन कराने की आवश्यकता महसूस की है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. अरूणाचलम) : (क) जी , हां ।

(ख) और (ग) लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र के लिए आरक्षित मदों की अनन्त्र उत्पादन सूची में से आइसक्रीम मद को निकालने के लिए सरकार को कई ज्ञापन इस आधार पर प्राप्त हुए थे । इस आधार पर कि उद्योग क्षेत्र के लिए निर्धारित निवेश सीमा में अच्छी गुणवत्ता की आइसक्रीम का विनिर्माण करना सम्भव नहीं था । उन तथ्यों का पता लगाने के लिए राष्ट्रीय लघु उद्योग विस्तार प्रशिक्षण संस्थान को यह पता लगाने के लिए एक अध्ययन करने का काम सौंपा गया है कि क्या लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र में आइसक्रीम उत्पादक एककों के लिए निवेश की ऊपरी सीमा में संशोधन करने या आइसक्रीम के अनारक्षण और उनके संभावित प्रभावों की कोई आवश्यकता है ।

Study on sandalwood requirement

455. SHRI VERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made by experts on the requirement of sandalwood by the small scale sector in 1995-96;

(b) if so, the conclusions of this study; and

(c) what are the details of expected requirements of sandalwood in tonnes in 1995-96 by small sector industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No study has been conducted on the requirement of sandalwood by small scale sector.

(c) The estimated annual requirement of sandalwood for small scale sector including handicrafts is of the order of about 5000 M.T.

Revival plan for Swaraj Mazda

456. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BIFR has recently approved a revival plan for the Swaraj Mazda totalling to Rs. 75 crores;

(b) what is the time frame fixed to carry out the revival plan for Swaraj Mazda; and

(c) what is the share of the State Government for this plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a draft scheme for the rehabilitation of M/s. Swaraj Mazda Ltd. (SML) has been circulated by the Board